1	2	3	4	5
	(c) FRG	1155.98	927.08	−19.8
	(d) Italy	394.82	315.43	−20.1
	(e) Netherlands	266.67	180.56	−32.3
	(f) UK	1042.68	831.68	−20.2
			309.12	−21.0
(ii)	EFTA	391.44	309.12	−21.0
	(a) Sweden	123.56	114.24	−7.5
	(b) Switzerland	150.76	88.83	−41.1
(iii)	OTHERS	72.66	49.67	−31.6
II.	ASIA & OCEANIA	6452.32	5442.44	−15.7
(i)	ESCAP	3570.40	2858.79	−19.9
	(a) Australia	556.03	393.10	−29.3
	(b) Iran	343.35	370.73	+8.0
	(c) Japan	1176.38	911.09	−22.6
	(d) Korea, Rep. of	220.05	189.45	−13.9
	(e) Malaysia	375.65	220.58	−41.3
	(f) Singapore	442.43	417.46	−5.6
	(g) Nepal	13.91	20.73	+49.0
	(h) Hongkong	110.69	64.32	41.9
	(i) Thailand	44.07	30.36	−31.1
(ii)	Rest of Asia & Oceania	2881.91	2583.65	−10.3
	(a) Kuwait	205.98	93.18	−54.8
	(b) Saudi Arabia	952.86	938.96	−1.5
	(c) U.A.E.	707.66	846.14	+19.6
III.	AFRICA	501.13	524.68	4.7
	(i) Egypt	25.17	44.35	+76.2
	(ii) Morocco	137.16	231.45	+68.7
IV.	AMERICA	2437.48	1719.78	−29.4
	(i) North America	2094.55	1477.45	−29.5
	(a) Canada	214.02	191.48	−10.5
	(b) USA	1880.55	1285.97	−31.6
(ii)	South America	263.62	190.68	−27.7
(iii)	Other American & Caribbean Countries	79.31	51.66	−34.9
V.	EAST EUROPE	1262.31	756.57	−40.1
	(i) Ruppe payment Countries	1122.32	648.15	−42.2
	(a) USSR	954.26	599.08	−37.2
	(b) Others	168.07	49.07	−70.8
(ii)	Non Rupee Payment Countries	139.99	108.42	−22.6
	(a) Yugoslavia	62.14	33.77	−45.7
	GRAND TOTAL (Incl. Others)	15609.90	12380.92	−20.7

(P): Provisional
Source : DGCI&S, Calcutta

Export and Import in Rupee and Dollar

42. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what were India's total exports and imports during the period April-December, 1991 in terms of rupees and US dollars;

(b) what was the trade gap again in rupees and US dollars;

(c) what are the comparable figures for the year 1990;

(d) what were the exports and imports in both the years in US dollars to and from the General Currency Area;

(e) whether there is a decline in exports to the General Currency Area; and

(f) if so, the products and markets which have registered this decline?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The details of exports, imports and trade deficit, in Ruppes and Dollars for the period April-December, 1991, with comparable figures for April-December, 1990 are given below:

	Rupees Crores		US Dollars Million	
	Apr.-Dec. 1990	Apr.-Dec. 1991	Apr.-Dec. 1990	Apr.-Dec. 1991
EXPORTS				
GCA	18785	27133	10635	11310
RPA	4404	3199	2494	1333
TOTAL	23189	30332	13129	12643
IMPORTS				
GCA	29472	32516	16686	13553
RPA	2252	1722	1275	718
TOTAL	31724	34238	17961	14271
TRADE DEFICIT	8535	3906	4832	1628

(e) No, Sir. The exports to the General Currency Area increased by 44.44% in Rupee Terms and 6.34% in Dollar Terms.

(f) Does not arise.

Loss due to fraud in import of Newsprint

43. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India suffered a loss of foreign exchange to the extent of Rs. 3 crores due to fraud in import of newsprint recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against officials found guilty in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Government have noted a newspaper report dated Feb., 9, 1992 that a "massive fraud in newsprint import involving a loss of atleast Rs. 3 crores worth of foreign exchange in a single deal has come to light."

Assuming that the Question relates to the same matter, the facts are as follows:-

(i) STC purchased 9000 MTs of glazed

newsprint from FINNPAP in October, 1991 at a FOB rate of $609 PMT, with option to purchase an additional quantity of 5000 MTs.

(ii) On 30 Dec., 1991, STC decided to exercise the option for purchase of this additional quantity of 5000 MTs from FINNPAP at the FOB rate of $609 PMT.

(iii) On the basis of a complaint received in January, 1992 that the international price was lower than $609 PMT FOB, the STC had advised the Supplier, FINNPAP not to go ahead with the production till such time they hear from STC in the matter.

(iv) STC is now seeking legal opinion before cancelling the contract for purchase of the additional 5000 MTs optional quantity.

Backing out from Commitments by Russians

44. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Russians are backing out from their commitments and many goods promised by former Soviet Russia found their way to hard currency areas;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken up the matter with successor States of Soviet Union;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (e) No, Sir. No formal indication has been given by Russia regarding not honouring commitments given by the erstwhile Soviet Union. There was, however, a shortfall in the supply of goods in 1991 due to various factors including the political changes in the erstwhile Soviet Union. The Government are fully seized of the matter and are making efforts to finalise separate trade agreements with the newly independent Republics. Agreements with the Russian Federation and Uzbekistan have already been signed.

Bungling by STC in Import of Newsprint

45. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item that appeared in the Times of India of 13th February, 1992 captioned 'Newsprint import case Belgium seizes SCI vessel wherein it has been stated that Shipping Corporation of India vessel has been seized as a consequence of bungling by STC in newsprint import case;

(b) if so, what are the details of the incident;

(c) what is the amount of loss likely to be suffered by India; and

(d) what are the details of action, if any, taken by Government against the STC officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) STC had imported some quantity of newsprint from M/s. Meteor Paper Ltd., London which was delivered through SCI. Due to a dispute in regard to declaration of the origin of material, manufacturer's certificate etc., STC did not release the payment to the supplier. On filing of a claim by the supplier against SCI for the value of cargo, one vessel of SCI was arrested at Antwerp (Belgium) on 12.2.92. The arrested vessel has since been got released by SCI on an indemnity bond.

(c) and (d) The matter is being investigated.

निर्यातकों को सुविधाएं और नई निर्यात नीति

46. **डा० अबरार अहमद:**
चौधरी हरि सिंह:

क्या **वाणिज्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) निर्यात में कृषि के लिए इस समय सरकार द्वारा निर्यातकों को कौन-कौन सी सुविधाएं दी जा रही हैं और निर्यात संवर्धन के लिए सरकार द्वारा घोषित विभिन्न योजनाओं और नई निर्यात नीति के अब तक क्या परिणाम निकले हैं;